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REMARKS

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1. Prior to 20 September 1951, the PS Battalion Utvar No 7200 in Stozec (N 49/Q 44) was subordinate to the PS brigade in Volary (N 49/Q 55), which had Utvar No 8237 and POB No 99/72 and was commanded by Major Galus, (fnu). Other officers of the brigade were Staff Captain Vins, (fnu), deputy commanding officer; Lieutenant Konopasek, (fnu), political officer; 1 chief of staff; 1 adjutant; 1 athletic officer; 1 billeting officer; 1 mess officer; 1 ordnance officer; 1 officer in charge of youth activities; 1 signal officer; 1 supply officer; and 1 medical officer. The headquarters units of the brigade included a guard platoon of about 40 men; a motor transport company of 25 drivers; a signal company of about 25 men; a labor platoon of about 40 men; and a unit of about 20 craftsmen. The brigade had a PS battalion in Kunzvalt (N 49/Q 35), commanded by Lieutenant Malek, (fnu); and a PS battalion in Horni Plana. (N 49/Q 63). (1)

2. The PS battalion in Stozec, the headquarters of which was located on the northern edge of the town, was commanded by Senior Lieutenant Koudela, (fnu), and organized into a guard and labor platoon of about 35 men; a signal unit of about 15 men, including 8 men of the telephone section and 3 men switchboard personnel and 3 men operating the radio station; a motor transport unit of 12 men; the 11th Co in Nove Udoli (N 49/Q 44) of about 30 men; the 12th Co in Krasna Hora (N 49/Q 44) of about 40 men; the 13th Stoka or Kanal Co east-southeast of Nove Udoli of about 40 men; the 14th Co at Mt. Tristolnicnik (Dreisesselberg) (N 49/Q 43) of about 40 men; and the 15th Co on Lake Plesne Jezero (Ploekensteinsee) (N 49/Q 43) north of Mt. Ploekenstein of about 40 men. About 75 percent of the personnel were Slovaks and 25 percent Czechs. (2)

each company having an undetermined number of model 26 light machine guns and 1 model 26 light machine gun. The company had about 20 Praga RN trucks, 4 motorcycles. The headquarters of the

motor company had 4 jeeps and 1 motorcycle.

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Border Duty and Training.

4. Border duty with the company at Mt. Tristolnicnik was performed by 2 stationary guard posts. The company had 5 dogs, of which only one was trained. Soldiers knew that border

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duty with the company on Lake Plesne Jezero was much lighter than that with the other companies, since the border toward Austria was crossed only seldom.

5. The border zone in the Stozec area was about 10 km wide. A 2-km strip along the border was strictly off limits to civilians. The last SNB station before the border was in Stozec.
6. Source did not know whether there was a trace strip along the border in the area of the brigade in Volary. (3)
7. The recruits who had been inducted on 23 July 1951 received basic training in Nova Pec (N 49/Q 53). On 16 September 1951, it was announced that those recruits would be committed to border duty on 23 October.

Miscellaneous.

8. Source knew that one PS brigade was stationed in Karlovy Vary (N 51/P 69) and another one in Ceske Budejovice (O 49/Q 96). (4)
9. Source learned from letters of his family that members of the older classes were scheduled to be discharged on 20 October 1951, and recruits to be inducted on 1 November. (5)
10. Prior to 25 October 1950, the 10th Inf Regt with Utvar No 3976 was located in Breclav (P 49/S 75). It was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Motal, (fnu), whose deputy was Captain Elsner, (fnu). Other components of the regiment were located in Hodonin (P 49/S 87) and Mikulov (P 49/S 56), where Staff Captain Pantucek, (fnu), was known to be commanding officer of a guard unit. In February 1951, it was learned that the entire regiment would be transferred to Mikulov in 1951. (6)
11. During an instruction course in Hodonin in February 1950, it was learned that a cavalry unit was stationed in Bzenec (P 49/S 98).

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Comments.

- (1) The report confirms the PS brigade in Volary and its commanding officer Major Galus (fnu), as well as the PS Battalion in Stozec. In addition to the battalions mentioned in the present report, one battalion in Kvilda and one in Dolny Vltavice are said to be subordinate to the brigade. ~~See also 1951~~ The Utvar numbers within the brigade have not been determined, since other sources stated Utvar No 7237 belonged to the brigade in Volary and Utvar No 8237 to the PS battalion in Stozec or the PS battalion in Kunzvar. See

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- (2) The report on the whole confirms information by another source in April 1950.

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- (3) According to a report of August 1951, a 5-meter trace strip along the border was begun in the area of the PS brigade in Volary. ~~See also 1951~~

- (4) A PS brigade was also reported to be stationed in Karlovy Vary in August 1951.

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- (5) According to the ~~General~~ Service Law of March 1951, the 1927 class is due for discharge, and the 1930 due for induction, in the fall of 1951. The 1929 and 1930 classes have been inducted by stages since the spring of 1951. See

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- (6) Another in M the

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